

**THE RIGHT TO KNOW COMMITTEE
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO**

**ACTIONS FOR
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 2004 AT 6:00 P.M.**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS (12TH FLOOR), CITY ADMINISTRATION
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COUNCIL COMMENT:
NONE

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mel Shapiro:

Would like to see the Right To Know Committee discuss the issue of ad-hoc committee rules as a specific agenda item.

Clive Richards:

Would like to encourage the City to influence the closed session policy of boards and commissions that the City sits on as a member.

Bruce Reznik:

Voiced his support for everything the Right To Know committee has done.

Chris Ward:

Voiced his appreciation for the unprecedented work of the Right To Know committee.

Dave Potter:

Voiced his support for everything the Right To Know committee has done and wished the committee good luck.

Carl Demaio:

Voiced his support for everything the Right To Know committee has done and spoke in favor of a more open budget process for the citizens of San Diego.

Wayne Bamford:

Did not speak, but submitted written support for the actions of the Right To Know committee on behalf of the Linda Vista Planning Committee.

ADOPTION AGENDA

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ITEM-1: Approval of May 27 and June 16, 2004 Right To Know Committee minutes

Shall the Committee approve the May 27 and June 16, 2004 Right To Know Committee minutes?

PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

ACTION: Motion by Deputy Mayor Atkins, second by Councilmember Madaffer to approve the minutes of the Right To Know Committee from May 27 and June 16, 2004.

VOTE: 3-0; Frye-yea, Atkins-yea; Madaffer-yea

ITEM-2: Boards and Commissions

Shall the Committee recommend that the temporary rule regarding the noticing of meetings apply to all boards and commissions associated with the City?

PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED BY:

Mel Shapiro:

Made the point that boards and commissions associated with the City have the ability to exceed the requirements of the Brown Act, and that they should exercise that right.

ACTION: Motion by Deputy Mayor Atkins, second by Councilmember Madaffer to refer this issue for further research to the City Attorney and City Manager and to return to the committee no later than six (6) months from this meeting that includes the following items:

1. Assess the level of responsibility of each board and commission.
2. Determine the cost associated with imposing stronger Brown Act requirements.
3. How more public input from the various boards and commissions can be included in the discussion of this issue?
4. Evaluate extending noticing requirements to ad-hoc committees associated with the City of San Diego.

VOTE: 3-0; Frye-yea; Atkins-yea; Madaffer-yea

ITEM-3: Serial Meetings

Shall the Committee adopt language from section 54952.2 of the Ralph M. Brown Act to be incorporated into Chapter 2 of the San Diego Municipal Code that would clarify the Brown Act's prohibition of serial meetings?

PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED BY:

NONE

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Madaffer, second by Deputy Mayor Atkins to adopt language from section 54952.2 of the Ralph M. Brown Act to be incorporated into Chapter 2 of the San Diego Municipal Code that would clarify the Brown Act's prohibition of serial meetings.

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VOTE: 3-0; Frye-yea; Atkins-yea; Madaffer-yea

ITEM-4: Non-Agenda Public Comment

Shall the Committee adopt language amending Rule 8 (Non-Agenda Public Comment) of the San Diego Municipal Code, Chapter 2, Article 2, Division 1?

PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED BY:

Mel Shapiro: Would like the Committee to consider a way to restrict members of the public from being overly repetitive during public comment and also expressed concern at how some Councilmembers treat members of the public during public comment.

Sandy Summers: Expressed support for the Right To Know Committee in discussing this issue.

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Madaffer, second by Deputy Mayor Atkins to adopt the proposed language amending Rule 8 (Non-Agenda Public Comment) of the San Diego Municipal Code, Chapter 2, Article 2, Division 1.

VOTE: 3-0; Frye-yea; Atkins-yea; Madaffer-yea

ITEM-5: Final adoption of the temporary rule for consideration by the Rules, Finance and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Shall the Committee adopt and recommend for consideration by the Rules, Finance and Intergovernmental Relations Committee the San Diego City Council temporary rule for noticing and conduct of closed session meetings?

PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

ACTION: Motion by Deputy Mayor Atkins, second by Councilmember Madaffer to adopt and recommend for consideration as a permanent rule by the Rules, Finance and Intergovernmental Relations Committee the San Diego City Council temporary rule for noticing and conduct of closed session meetings with the understanding that Councilmember Madaffer does not support *Section IV: Transcript of Closed Sessions* of the temporary rule.

VOTE: 3-0; Frye-yea; Atkins-yea; Madaffer-yea

ITEM-6: Right To Know Committee Regular Meetings

Shall the Right To Know Committee adopt a regular meeting schedule to discuss issues regarding the advancement of open government in San Diego?

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NONE

ACTION: Motion by Deputy Mayor Atkins, second by Councilmember Madaffer to continue meeting as the Right To Know committee on an as needed basis, but no less than once a year to discuss issues regarding the advancement of open government in San Diego.

VOTE: 3-0; Frye-yea; Atkins-yea; Madaffer-yea

Chair